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E. O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAGR, EEC

SUB: CAPFOR SOYBEANS

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1998

(B) PARIS 10172

(C) EC BRUSSELS 1974

(D) PARIS 20678 10/30/72

(E) BRUSSELS 4230 11/3/72

(E) PARIS 23061 12/1/72

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1. OUR INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFS A AND C THAT THE FRENCH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ASKED THE COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A CAP FOR SOYBEANS AT THE APRIL 16 COUNCIL MEETING WAS OBTAINED INDEPENDENTLY FROM THREE RELIABLE CONTACTS PRESENT AT THE APRIL 9-10 EC COUNCIL MEETING. THIS INFORMATION WAS ALSO CARRIED IN VARIOUS NEWS MEDIA, INCLUDING EUROPE NEWS BULLETIN.

2. MOREOVER, UPON RECHECKING TODAY, APRIL 12, THIS INFORMATION WAS CONFIRMED BY LARDINOIS' CHEF DE CABINET AND BY THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FATS AND OILS IN THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE. BOTH OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT AS OF TODAY, THE COMMISSION HAS NO INTENTION OF SUBMITTING SUCH A PROPOSAL AT THE APRIL 16 COUNCIL MEETING. HOWEVER, WE WERE ALSO TOLD THAT IT CANNOT BE ENTIRELY EXCLUDED THAT UPON A RENEWED REQUEST BY THE FRENCH THE COMMISSION MIGHT FEEL UNDER GREAT PRESSURE TO MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL AS PART OF A PACKAGE DEAL ON CAP SUPPORT PRICES AND RELATED MATTERS.

3. WHETHER OR NOT A FRENCH INTER-MINISTERIAL DECISION ON THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN TAKEN APPEARS TO BE IMMATERIAL FROM THE BRUSSELS STANDPOINT SINCE IT IS GENERALLY ASSUMED THAT THE FRENCH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN AN EC COUNCIL MEETING SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF FRANCE.

4. IT MUST ALSO BE RECALLED THAT THERE IS A FRENCH REQUEST FOR A PROPOSAL FOR A CAP ON SOYBEANS PENDING IN BRUSSELS (REFD) WHICH HAS BEEN ON THE BACK BURNER SINCE LAST FALL--PARTLY DUE TO U. S. INTERVENTION AT THAT TIME.
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